



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Fall 2026
New Student Orientation
Michigan State University

New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Families and Supporters,

Just like that, July is quickly coming to end! We hope you and your students are finding time to relax and soak up the sun as you prepare for the fall semester. If you ever need a refresher on what was shared in previous issues, you can visit our [communications archive](#).

In this week's newsletter, we have new episodes of the **Spartan Orientation Station podcast**, a new **Local Lansing Highlight**, and additional thoughts on **what Spartan Students want you to know about their college experience**. Thanks for reading!

Spartan Spotlight Posts

Here are some posts to help you and your Spartan begin your orientation journey at MSU! Be sure to read each post for important dates and deadlines, resources, and tips for success. If you have any questions about the orientation podcast, please feel free to reach out by email at nso@msu.edu or by phone at **(517) 355-8490**.

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 1 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 3 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 4 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 5 Overview \(Updated\)](#)

[Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities \(RCPD\) for Fall 2026](#)

[Getting Connected to the MSU WiFi](#)

Spartan Card Updates

Incoming students are strongly encouraged to pick up their new Spartan Card at the ID Office between **June 1, 2026 and August 20, 2026**.

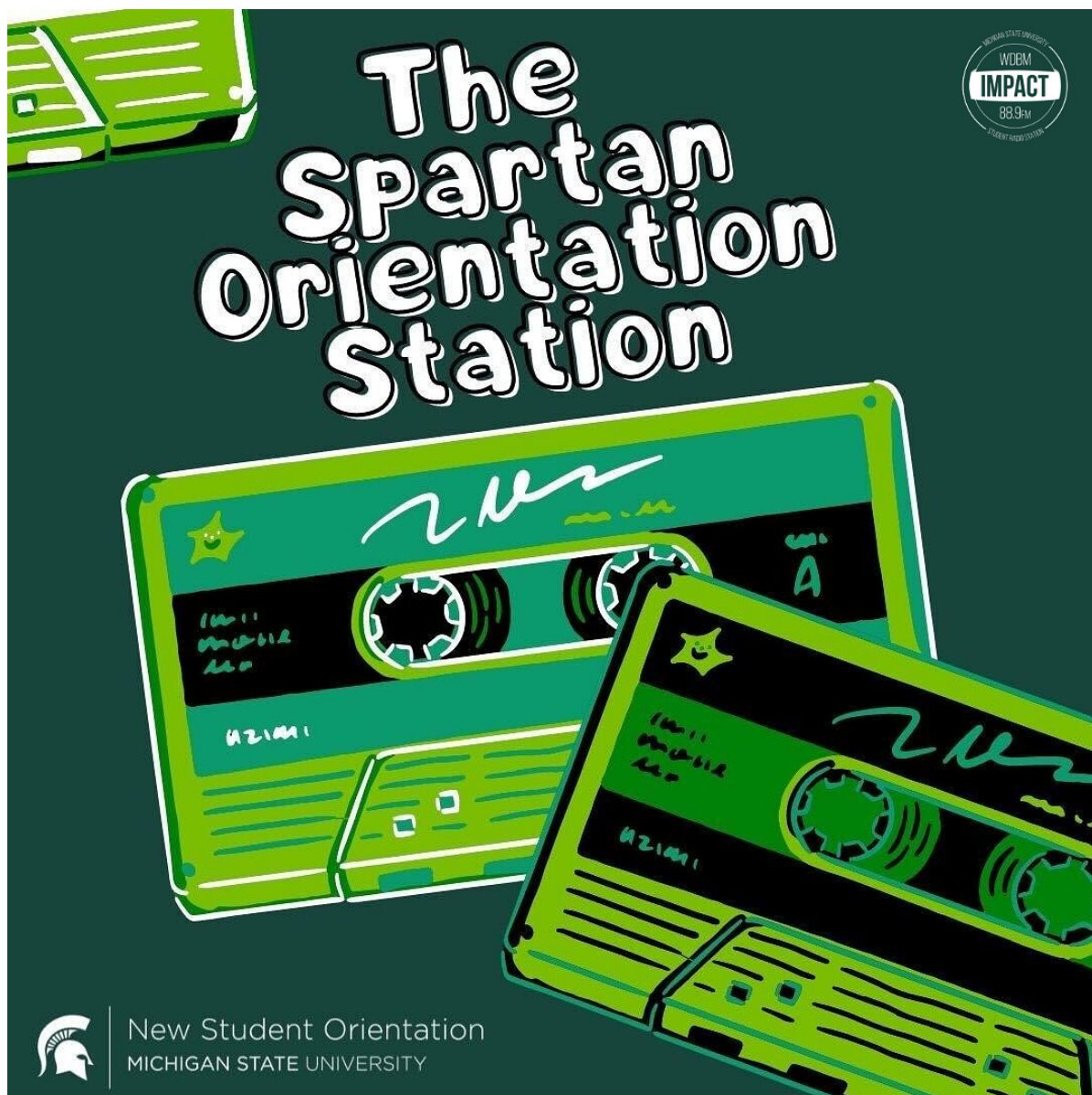
Where: MSU ID Office, 427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 170 inside the International Center

When: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

What students should bring: Physical passport, US driver's license or US state ID, and their Student ID number. **Digital IDs will not be accepted.**

Please note that Spartan Cards will not be given to friends or family on behalf of a student. See the [ID Office website](#) for full details.

Spartan Orientation Station Podcast



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4, we are happy to share the three newest episodes of the **Spartan Orientation Station (SOS)** podcast. This

podcast brings together campus partners from across the MSU community to discuss key resources and important topics that help you and your Spartan navigate the orientation process. You can listen to past seasons of SOS with transcripts on the [Impact89FM website](#).

[SOS Season 4, EP. 16 - Five in Five\(ish\): Hazing](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 17 - Family Fridays Edition: Encouraging Student Success Through Family & Supporter Communication](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 18 - Fraternity & Sorority Life](#)

Local Lansing Highlights



Looking for a fun adventure for an easygoing Sunday? The [East Lansing Farmers Market](#) hosts a variety of vendors selling everything from fresh produce and hot meals, to flowers and natural skincare. Throughout the season, the market also hosts special events like Spartan Appreciation Day, Autumn Fest, and Juneteenth celebrations. Whether you're hoping to explore the East Lansing community, pick up fresh food, or just enjoy the atmosphere, this is a great spot to visit with your spartan student!

What I Wish They Knew

We asked some Spartan Students how they feel about their transition to MSU, and here are some things they want their families and supporters to know...

"I wish they knew that this journey is as much about personal growth as it is about academics, and every small success means a lot.."

"Give [your student] space to figure things out, but remind them they can always come to you without judgment.."

"Being involved in campus activities helps me make friends, gain leadership skills, and feel more connected to the university—it's a big part of my growth here."

"Just because I'm building new relationships with new people, it doesn't mean I'm trying to replace my family. I will still always love and need them"

Stay tuned to NSO Newsletter to hear more from Spartan Students!

Additional Communication

NSO is so excited to keep in contact with you and your student this summer! Throughout the duration of NSO, you can expect various email reminders, text messages, and voicemails sent to you and your student. These communications are meant to provide the most up-to-date information so you and your student can act accordingly. If you have any questions about the communication you receive, please reach out to the NSO Office at (517) 355-8490 or by email at nso@msu.edu. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Important MSU Dates

AUG

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Fall 2026 Classes Begin

SEP

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University Closed (Labor Day)

OCT

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Fall 2026 Middle of Semester

OCT
26

Fall Break

OCT
27

NOV
26

University Closed (Thanksgiving)

NOV
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DEC
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Fall 2026 Classes End

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Fall 2026 Final Exams

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Fall 2026 Commencements

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